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SUBJECT: RECALL OF CHILEAN CHARGE

- 1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE CHILEAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN LISBON, MINISTER COUNSELOR ENRIQUE GOMEZ, RECEIVED NOTICE JAN 5 FROM SANTIAGO OF RECALL AND WAS TO LEAVE LISBON JAN 12. ACCORDING TO GOMEZ'S WIFE, THE RECALL WAS UNEXPECTED. SHE REPORTEDLY DID NOT KNOW IF DISMISSAL OR A HIGH-LEVEL POSITION AWAITED HER HUSBAND UPON RETURN TO SANTIAGO.
- 2. ALTHOUGH THE SOCIALIST PARTY IS ON RECORD AS FAVORING BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE PINOCHET REGIME, THE GOP HAS THUS FAR RESISTED ANY FORMAL ACTION. THE PS, HOWEVER, MAINTAINS A STEADY DRUMBEAT OF CRITICISM OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, THE LAST BEING A FORMAL PARTY STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE RECENT REFERENDUM AS A FRAUD. OKUN

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